

TRAINING

Disciple Making

- Simple ways to identify and connect with the lost
- Simple ways to start spiritual conversations and share the gospel
- A way to teach new believers how to obey Jesus
- How to lead a discovery Bible study for those interested in Jesus
- How to train others to make disciples

Church Planting

- Zero budget church planting
- How to find willing church planters in your church
- How to form a church planting team from your church
- How to find a target to start a new church
- How to help new believers form community
- How to help a new church grow towards health and multiply

Mobilization

- How to help those desiring to be missionaries get prepared
- Develop a sending pipeline from your church to the unreached
- Looking into resources for missionaries to get from point A to point B
- Forming missionary teams in the Memphis Metro Area or another city

Interested in one or more of these trainings for your ministry or church? Email Zach Medlock at zach@nplmem.org for more information.

Ellendale Baptist Church is Hosting
Right Now Medias

WORK AS WORSHIP

1-DAY LOCAL CHURCH RETREAT
Friday, February 23, 2018

Event is 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This conference is designed to bring together Christian business owners, CEO's and leaders who want to share their faith and impact their work environment. The cost for the conference is \$25. For more information and to register, go to www.ebcbartlett.org.



Friday, February 16
Clayborn Temple
294 Hernando Street, 38126
6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 17
Advance Memphis Warehouse
575 Suzette, 38126
8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

To register, visit the Urban Summit Facebook page or email Michael Rhodes at mrhodes@mcuts.org.



If you are interested in hosting a mission team, please contact Danny Spurlock at 901-786-4397.

Opportunities Within Our Churches

Bi-Vocational Pastor

Providence Baptist Church, Alamo, TN
Send resumes to Providence Baptist Church, Attn: Pulpit Committee, P. O. Box 69, Crockett Mills, TN 38021, or email to PBCCMTN@gmail.com.

Youth Pastor

Carriage Hills Baptist Church, Southaven (P/T)
Send resumes to Carriage Hills Baptist Church, Youth Search Committee, 8352 Farmington Drive W., Southaven, MS 38671, or email to carriagehills@att.net.

Crossroads Baptist Church, Arlington (P/T)
Send resume to david.etheridge64@att.net.

Congregational Music Director

Lakeland First Baptist Church
Send resume to Pastor Chris Hodges at chodges@lakelandfbc.org or call 901-230-1085 if interested.

Children's Minister/Director

Fayette Baptist Church (F/T)
Send resume to Jon Gambrell, 12465 Highway 64, Somerville, TN 38068, or email jon@fayettebaptist.com.

Lakeland First Baptist Church (P/T)
Send resume to Pastor Chris Hodges at chodges@lakelandfbc.org.

Nursery Worker/Childcare/Preschool

Balmoral Baptist Church (M-F: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.)
Contact Connie at 901-754-2302.

Leawood Baptist Church (P/T)
Contact the church office at 901-324-7169 to schedule an interview.

Planist

Gracepoint Baptist Church
Send resume to rredd@me.com.

Special Needs Ministry Director

Longview Heights Baptist Church (F/T)
Send resume to alan@lhbc.me.

Secretary

Ardmore Terrace Baptist Church (P/T)
Send resume to Sb1young@yahoo.com.

International Worship Service to be held at Trinity Baptist

Sunday, February 25, 2018
6:00 p.m.

Trinity Baptist Church
8899 Trinity Road
Cordova, TN 38018

Guest Speaker:
Rev. Thi Mitsamphanh

For more information, contact
Gerson Garros at
901-759-5955.



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A Word from the Executive Director of Missions

by Dr. Mitch Martin, Executive Director of Missions

I recently preached on the importance of prayer at our Mid-South Baptist Minister's Conference. I issued a 901 challenge for prayer. This includes praying at 9:01 a.m. and 9:01 p.m. If you would like a copy of that sermon, contact our office. In last month's newsletter, you were encouraged to pray for your pastor, your church and the 901 area. This month I invited Dr. Phil Glisson to write a focus on prayer for our newsletter. You will find his article below. Again, thank you for your partnership with the association. If I can do anything for you, please let me know.



Focus on Prayer - Dr. Phil Glisson, Evangelist

Over the years that I have been in this evangelistic and revival ministry, I have learned two things about prayer. First, there are some things God is going to do whether we pray or not, just because He is God and desires to do so. Second, there are other things God waits to do until we pray. Most of the time we do not know the difference so we should not limit our prayers. God does not mind persistent prayer. His Word clearly teaches this. He wants us to keep on asking, to keep on seeking and to keep on knocking. His answers do come. I have seen many over the years. Sometimes He says "no," "not now," "later," and even "are you kidding." I am glad He did not give me everything I asked for right away. However, when my prayers line up with His will, I can have confidence in prayer.

I do believe God wants to give revival and spiritual awakening. Is He waiting on some minimum number of people to cry out to Him, like He wanted Abraham to find a minimum number of righteous people so He could spare Sodom and Gomorrah? I do not know. My wife and I spend a good amount of time praying each day. Included in our prayers are pleas for God to do whatever it takes to get the attention of America. We know that God does not force people to do anything, but He can arrange circumstances to put people in a position where they have no where to look but to Him. Let's all join in prayer together for God to do a mighty work in our association and nation.

By the way, praying is good for the person engaging in it. Duke University's Harold G. Koenig says, "An exhaustive analysis of more than 1,500 reputable medical studies indicates people who are more religious and pray more have better mental and physical health." I believe more prayer by God's people will help the spiritual health of America.



Monday, April 9, 2018
4:00 -9:00 p.m.

\$10 per person includes meal

Millington First Baptist Church
5010 West Union Road, Millington 38053

Guest Speaker:
Dr. Kevin Ezell - President, NAMB



CHURCH PLANTING RESIDENCY

The cohort is designed to help the every-day believer learn through classroom instruction and "hands-on" training for how to multiply the kingdom. Comprehension and application of biblical, field-tested, simple, and reproducible tools for multiplying disciples and churches in progression of the fulfillment of Matthew 24:14 will be taught. The learner will identify and apply missional strategies for engaging the lost, sharing the gospel, discipling groups and individuals, gathering believers in new communities/churches, and developing reproducing leaders. Eighty percent of the training that will happen is on-the-job training in the field of every day life.

If you are interested in more details, email Chelsea Cleary at chelsea.a.cleary@gmail.com.

Module week dates will be on the website soon at <http://www.nplmem.org/cohort/>.





Focus on Church Strengthening

Ron Roy
Church Strengthening Specialist

Learning to Say "NO" and "YES"

An important part of the process in maturation is learning what "NO," and "YES," mean, and to live accordingly. This is the same for individuals and for the Body of Christ. Church strengthening through Kingdom advancement requires a lifestyle commitment to saying NO and to saying YES.

SAY NO to: prayerlessness; the lack of evangelistic commitment; competing forces that keep the church from becoming a vibrant, strengthened, healthy body of Christ; building "our kingdom" at the expense of God's Greater Kingdom; crowding the calendar with events and activities that are not vital to the purpose and vision of the church; excuse making for lack of passion, burden, urgency and commitment; settling for mediocrity and maintaining the status quo type thinking; blame or guilt casting while failing to examine one's own shortcomings; all of the hindrances that fight against the advancement of spiritual disciplines and spiritual awakening; grudge holding, lack of forgiveness, roots of bitterness, envy and jealousy.

SAY YES to:
Kingdom Mandate Discipleship Matthew 28:18-20
Kingdom Faith Matthew 6:25-34
Kingdom Praying Eph. 1:15-21; 3:14-21; 6:10, 18-20
Kingdom Standard II Tim. 3:16-17; Hebrews 4:12
Kingdom Boldness, Passion, Urgency Acts 1:8; 20:20-4 Rom. 9:1-5,
Kingdom Mindset, Heart for the Nations Mark 11:17 and Rev. 7:9-10
Kingdom Servant Leadership Mark 10:42-45
Kingdom Holiness I Peter 1:15-17
Kingdom Giving Luke 6:37-38; II Corin. 8:1-12
Kingdom Disciplines Colossians 3; Hebrews 12:1-3

These are examples of "NO" and "YES" principles. They are necessary for church strengthening throughout the life-cycle of any church as well as for each individual.

CityServeCamp
A MISSIONAL SUMMER CAMP FOR 6TH-12TH GRADE
Oakland Elementary School, Oakland, TN (Greater Memphis Area)

\$99 PER PERSON

Pastor Eric Capaci
CAMP SPEAKER

June 4th - 8th 2018

Jeff Maxwell
WORSHIP LEADER

WHATS INVOLVED:
Morning missions, worship services, free time, water slide, paddle boats, zip lines, Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball, crazy recreation competition, food and more

MISSIONS:
(Mornings) Going out to serve local churches, Fayette County schools, and other gospel centered ministries, (VBS, Bible Clubs, yard work)
**USE YOUR OWN VEHICLES

CONTACT:
Pastor Jon Gambrell
info@cityservecamp.com
(901) 331-7584

CITYSERVECAMP.COM

Ellendale Baptist Church invites you to the Spring Conference

including music, a special guest speaker, and breakout sessions!

March 2-3, 2018
\$35 per person

Guest Speaker:
Dana James

For more information, please contact the church at klawrence@ebcbartlett.org.

Ellendale Baptist Church
3861 Broadway Road
Bartlett, TN 38135

Important Dates for February

- 5 Ministers' Conference – 11:30 a.m. Bellevue Baptist Church
Walter Green, speaker
- 12 Ministers' Conference – 11:30 a.m. Bellevue Baptist Church
David Bowser, speaker
- 19 Administrative Leadership Council - 10:00 a.m. - Bellevue Baptist Church
- 19 Senior Adult Rally - 11:00 a.m. Germantown Baptist Church
- 19 Ministers' Conference – 11:30 a.m. Bellevue Baptist Church
Fred Shackelford, speaker
- 21 Focus Church Meeting - 10:00 a.m. Berclair Baptist Church
- 26 Ministers' Conference – 11:30 a.m. Bellevue Baptist Church
Brian Carmichael, speaker
- 27 MSBA Staff Meeting – 1:00 p.m. MSBA Office

Senior Adult Rally

Monday, February 19, 2018
11:00 a.m. - \$10 per person

Germantown Baptist Church
9450 Poplar Avenue
Germantown, TN 38139

Entertainment: Dueling Pianos

Menu: Roasted Pork Loin, Sweet Potato Casserole, Whole Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, Strawberry Cheesecake, Coffee, Tea, Water

Reservations due by February 12 at noon. To make reservations, call Carol at 901-260-5763 or email at cgriffin@germantownbaptist.org.

Church Resources

Colonial Baptist Church would like to donate a new scanner to a church that needs it. Contact the church at 901-682-6644 for information about picking it up.

Resources Needed

True Fellowship Baptist is in need of room dividers or partitions. If you have some to donate, please contact Tammy Scott at 901-832-3301 or 901-398-3332 or scotttammy@yahoo.com.

River Nile Baptist Church is in need of a used van for their ministry. If you have one to donate or sell, please contact Dale Gravatt at 901-324-7169 or edaleg48@gmail.com.

wMU happenings

Sisters Who Care

Saturday, February 24, 2018
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Holy Temple Baptist Church
4590 New Allen Road
Memphis, TN 38128

African attire is encouraged.



March 4, 2018

Union University
1050 Union University Drive,
Jackson, TN 38305

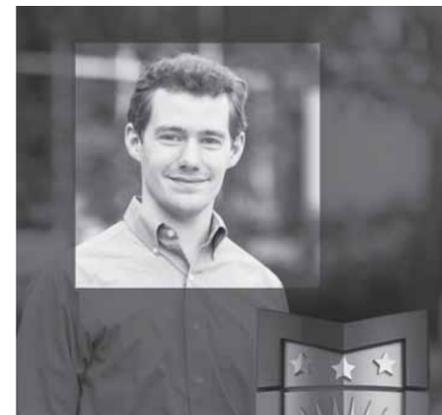
Worship Leader: Travis Cottrell
Englewood Baptist, Jackson TN

Rally Preacher: Dr. James Merritt
Crosspointe Church, Duluth, GA

There is a Main track, a Women's track and a Youth track.

Register online at <http://www.uu.edu/events/WTER/>

For more information, contact Ernest Easley at eeasley@uu.edu.



SPRING PREVIEW DAY

MARCH 27, 2018

THE COLLEGE AT MID-AMERICA

Come spend the day with us at the Mid-America Spring Preview Day. You'll join in on a class, tour our campus and student housing, and attend chapel to hear Dr. Michael Spradlin, President of Mid-America. While enjoying lunch, you will hear from students, faculty, and staff, all describing campus life and our connection between learning and community. We look forward to getting to know you!

FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER NOW:
COLLEGEATMIDAMERICA.COM/PREVIEWDAY



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Focus on Church Starting

Art Groomes
Church Starting Specialist

Church Starting Reveals God's Heart

Have you considered the connection between God's heart of love for people and church starting? All who are followers of Christ have been loved and chosen by Christ to make disciples. Just as someone who was motivated to tell us about God's love and forgiveness of sin, we are to continually tell others about our exciting relationship with Christ. After all, we talk about all the other exciting things in our lives, right? God's heart of love is not selfish but selfless. John 3:16 (CSB Bible) says "For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

God's heart of love brings hope to broken, hurting lives. In times of fear, problems, and pain, we need hope that is based on God's love for us. God's love is not limited nor is it conditional. It was God's heart of love that motivated him to send Jesus to the world.

God sought to meet our greatest need by rescuing us because we could not rescue ourselves. God paid a tremendous price to rescue us. He gave his one and only Son. Jesus received our punishment and paid the price for our sins so we would not perish.

Pray that God's heart of immeasurable love will motivate us to tell others about his desire to rescue the perishing and transform lives. The answer to that prayer will lead to church starting. Get in touch with MSBA for information on church starting in the Mid-South.



Being on Mission

Danny Spurlock, *Mission 901 Coordinator*

The statistics are staggering...some say as many as 85% of all churches have plateaued and are now in decline! It's an issue many in our own Association are facing today. Thom Rainer states in a 2016 article that all of these churches have one similar common thread... "That they are inwardly focused." So how do you know if your church has made this critical wrong turn? Here are some of Rainer's warning signs:

- There are very few attempts to minister to those in the community.
- Church business meetings become arguments over preferences and desires.
- Members are openly critical of the pastor, church staff, and lay leaders in the church.
- Change to become a Great Commission church is met with anger and resistance.
- The past becomes the hero.
- Culture is seen as the enemy instead of an opportunity for believers to become salt and light.
- Pastors and leaders become discouraged and withdraw from effective leadership.
- If the churches are a part of a denomination or similar affiliation, meetings of those denominations mirror the churches in lost focus and divisiveness.

Many of our churches have had a grand past when all the pews were full, giving was up and people would seek out your church! Well those days are now gone as many pews are empty...budgets are being cut and people just are not coming to church anymore! Many of our old methods of outreach have become ineffective! So what are we to do? Luke's encounter with Jesus in chapter five gives us some great insight on how to catch fish when it seems they are not biting:

1. *Let Jesus LEAD the command of your boat! Vs 4 Why would you let a carpenter have control of your boat? Luke understood that Jesus was the real Captain who created the boat, water and the fish!*
2. *LISTEN to the Captain! Vs 5d Every good fisherman knew that fish could only be caught at night and in the shallows...yet the Captain said to fish in the daylight and in the deep...so Luke did!*
3. *LET others help! Vs 7a Luke called for help when the catch began to become evident! There are other fishermen from other fishing clubs that want to help your church and mine catch fish!*
4. *LEAVE everything on the table! Vs 11 Like Luke we should leave everything to follow the instructions of the Captain of our boat!*

Let me encourage you to keep casting your net. You never know what and how many you will catch! Please contact me if I can assist in missions development.